

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). An image commercial transactions system comprising:

a reception dealer having a photographic image scanner for converting a picture on a photographic film into a digital image and for accepting a sale of an said digital image recorded on a recording medium in a predetermined format with a handling condition intrinsic to associated with said digital image and for selling said digital image with said handling condition in a digital data format; and

a charge accounting dealer for effecting an electronic charge accounting transaction for a purchase of said digital image data with said handling condition in said digital data format.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 1 wherein said reception dealer generates predetermined additional information for said image, and distributes said generated additional information in digital data format, along with

said handling condition data containing information of a selling price of said image data.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing information as to a payment condition for purchasing said image data, information as to a recorder's name of said image data, information as to a recorder's history of said image data, information as to a type of data format of said image data, information as to advertisement data synthesized with said image data, text information data synthesized with said image data, and processing information data synthesized with said image data.

Claim 4 (Original). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 wherein said reception dealer distributes said image data subjected to a scrambling process.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The image commercial transactions system according to claim 4 wherein said

reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing information as to whether said image data is subjected to said scrambling process.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 5 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing predetermined key data useful in said scrambling process for said image data.

Claim 7 (Original). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 wherein said reception dealer distributes said image data subjected to a masking process.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 7 wherein said reception dealer distributes said additional information data containing information as to whether said image data is subjected to said masking process.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 2 further comprising a delivery dealer for receiving and delivering said

image data with said handling condition data to a purchaser.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 9 wherein said delivery dealer synthesizes said advertisement data contained in said additional information data and said image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 9 wherein said delivery dealer synthesizes said text information data contained in said additional information data and said image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 9 wherein said delivery dealer synthesizes said processing information data contained in said additional information data and said image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 6 further comprising

a delivery dealer for receiving and delivering said image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery dealer performs a descrambling process of said image data based on said key data contained in said additional information data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 3 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said image data depending on whether said advertisement data is synthesized with said image data.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 3 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said image data depending on whether said text information data is synthesized with said image data.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 3 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said image data depending on whether said processing information data is synthesized with said image data.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions system according to claim 4 wherein said reception dealer changes said selling price of said image data depending on whether said image data is subjected to said scrambling process.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended). An image commercial transactions method comprising:

an image scanning step for converting a picture on a photographic film into a digital image;

a reception step of enabling a reception dealer to accept a sale of ~~an~~ said digital image ~~recorded on a recording medium in a predetermined format~~ with a handling condition ~~intrinsic to~~ associated with said image;

a sale step of enabling said reception dealer to sell said digital image with said handling condition in a digital data format; and

a charge accounting step of enabling a charge accounting dealer to effect an electronic charge accounting transaction ~~to~~ for a purchase of said digital image ~~data~~ with said handling condition in said digital data format.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 18 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to generate predetermined additional information for said image, and sell said generated additional information in digital data format, along with said image data with said handling condition data.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 19 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to sell said additional information data containing information of a selling price of said image data, information as to a payment condition for purchasing said image data, information as to a recorder's name of said image data, information as to a recorder's history of said image data, information as to a type of data format of said image data, information as to advertisement data synthesized with said image data, text information data synthesized with said image data, and processing information data synthesized with said image data.

Claim 21 (Original). The image commercial transactions

method according to claim 20 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said image data subjected to a scrambling process.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 21 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said additional information data containing information as to whether said image data is subjected to said scrambling process.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 22 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said additional information data containing predetermined key data useful in performing said scrambling process for said image data.

Claim 24 (Original). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said image data subjected to a masking process.



Claim 25 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 24 wherein said sale step comprises enabling said reception dealer to distribute said additional information data containing information as to whether said image data is subjected to said masking process.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 further comprising a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to synthesize said advertisement data contained in said additional information data and said image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 further comprising a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to synthesize said text information data contained in said additional information

data and said image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 further comprising a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to synthesize said processing information data contained in said additional information data and said image data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 21 further comprising a delivery step of receiving and delivering by a delivery dealer said image data with said handling condition to a purchaser, wherein said delivery step comprises enabling said delivery dealer to perform a descrambling process of said image data based on said key data contained in said additional information data for delivery to said purchaser.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said

charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said image depending on whether said advertisement data is synthesized with said image data.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said image data depending on whether said text information data is synthesized with said image data.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 20 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said image data depending on whether said processing information data is synthesized with said image data.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 21 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said image data depending on whether said image data is subjected to the scrambling process.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 24 wherein said charge accounting step comprises changing said selling price of said image data depending on whether said image data is subjected to said masking process.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 19 further comprising a publication step of enabling said reception dealer to produce index data for sales propagation that displays collectively images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over a network.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 35 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively a selling price of images together with said images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 36 wherein said

publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively information as to a payment condition for purchasing images, together with said images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 37 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively a recorder's name of images, together with said images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented). The image commercial transactions method according to claim 38 wherein said publication step comprises enabling said reception dealer to produce said index data for sales propagation that displays collectively a recorder's history of images, together with said images to be sold, and publicizes said produced index data over said network.